

# **SANTA CLARA POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER: 71.4**

## **TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT**

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### **71.4.1 Safety Barriers**

Patrol vehicles that are used for prisoner transports shall be equipped with safety barriers. Barriers shall be constructed so as to prevent the prisoner from having access to the drivers' compartment.

The barrier should reduce the opportunity for foreign objects to be introduced into the drivers' compartment from the prisoner compartment. At least the upper portion of the barrier shall be constructed of a transparent material that will provide adequate protection while still allowing the driver to observe the activities of prisoners.

A portion of the barrier shall be movable to allow conversation between the drivers' compartment and the prisoner compartment, if desired. This movable portion shall only be operable from the drivers' compartment, and will automatically lock in place when closed.

No officer shall leave a prisoner in the prisoner compartment (when the vehicle is parked) with the movable portion in the open position, nor shall a prisoner be transported with the barrier open.

When appropriate, SET, Detective and other unmarked vehicles without safety barriers may be used. See [General Order 71.1.3](#).

### **71.4.2 Vehicle Modifications**

In order to minimize opportunities for prisoners to escape the transport vehicle, all designated prisoner compartments shall be modified so that all door and window controls inside the prisoner transport are inoperable. All doors and windows for this compartment shall be operable only from the driver compartment or from outside the vehicle.